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A FUEL-FIRED HEATING APPLIANCE (As Amended)**

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

1,834,645	3,777,696	4,290,440	4,375,273
4,646,847	5,143,050	5,280,802	5,402,603
5,372,203	5,941,200	4,757,865	6,035,812
6,155,211	6,142,106	6,138,613	6,135,061
6,116,195	6,085,699	6,082,310	6,085,700
6,003,477	4,362,146	5,794,707	5,134,683
5,797,355	3,625,289	3,633,676	3,779,004
3,874,456	4,977,963	5,072,792	5,195,592
5,234,059	4,827,962	4,627,498	3,469,569
2,122,426	2002/0092234	5,143,050	6,223,697

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT**

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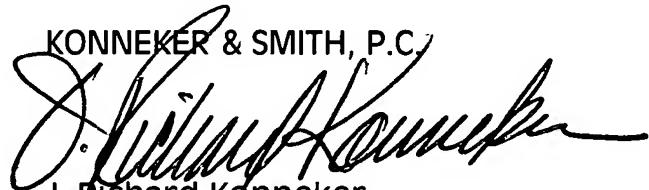
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Star Sprinkler Catalog Sheets - September, 1992

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AE	4,646,847	3/1987	COLVIN	169	49	
AF	5,143,050	9/1992	SPIVEY	126	374	
AG	5,280,802	1/1994	COMUZIE, JR.	137	65	
AH	5,402,603	4/1995	HENLEY	48	192	
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AD		3,625,289	12/1971	GLOECKLER	169	39	
AE		3,633,676	1/1972	GLOECKLER	169	40	
AF		3,779,004	12/1973	GLOECKLER	59	93	
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	AD	4,827,962	5/1989	PICTON	137	74	
	AE	2002/0092234	7/2002	STALLER et al	48	192	
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